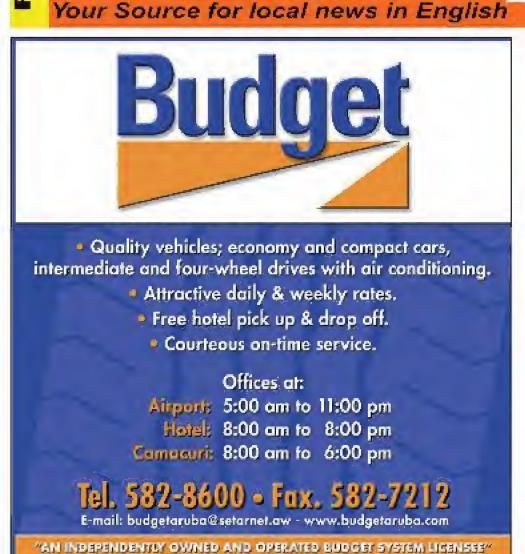
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### Four dead, 67 injured in New York train accident

NEW YORK (AFP) - A train hurtled off the tracks in a New York suburb Sunday, killing at least four people, injuring 67 and coming perilously close to plunging into a freezing river.

New York emergency services launched a major rescue operation after the train careered off rails in the Bronx district as it headed for Grand Central station in Manhattan.

New York fire department said four people were killed, 11 others seriously injured and another 56 had minor wounds. Officials said some passengers were "impaled" by debris as carriages flew into the air, while others had to be cut free from tangled metal.

Many travelers suffered broken limbs or injuries to their heads or necks, with some being led away with bloodied faces, applying icepacks to try and ease the pain.

At least one passenger said the train was going faster Manhattan.

More than 130 firefighters were quickly on the scene using air cushions to stabilize

Divers searched the rivers

than normal as it moved along a curve on a downward slope leading into Spuyten Duyvil station, just north of

Before reaching the station, the derailed wagons flew across a grassy bank separating the rail line from the Hudson and Harlem rivers, which meet at that

All seven of the train's cars came off the tracks and the front carriage came to rest only a few feet from the niver. Two carriages toppled on their side and two others also completely left the track. barely staying on their wheels.

the wagons.

in case passengers were hurled into the frigid water by the force of the derailment. Three of the dead were thrown from the train, police



Dutch Kingdom kick off bicentennial festivities See story on pg 5



# Grandeur and homage to island culture and prosperity mark the opening of Aruba Bank Hato



Cutting the ribbon, Lt Gov. and Min. Oduber, Bastiaan Guis of Orca Group and wife



Welcoming sculpture by Ciro Abath

ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Bank Hato Branch opens its doors to the public this morning, after a grandiose, elegant unveiling event on Friday evening, November 29. The complete executive staff, including Managing Directors Marceline Richardson, Arie Stam and Sharon Frankel, welcomed Lt. Governor Ella-Tromp Yazagary and Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Primary Sector, Otmar Oduber, along with the island's most notable movers and shakers, to a swanky affair for the official ribbon cutting.

Addressing the gathening regarding their extreme confidence in Aruba's prospening economy and penchant for commerce was Managing Director Marcelline Richardson. She asserted that "exploring our potential and possibilities" has

enabled the bank to weather difficult times for investment, and prosper. "Potential speaks ultimately to the future, of what can be," she continued.

"It is a concept that promises a road leading to success...the journey is as important as the destination."

"Here at Aruba Bank, we care about potential. We care about the output of potential...how fast we are able to realize our potential, our dreams. This sheds light on our prospects for our country's economic

growth...The difference between the actual and potential output gap is a keen measure of inflation pressure."

"If my speech today achieves its potential, you will gain a deeper understanding of the value of employing one's potential as a country, as individuals, as an organization."

Next to the podium was Minister Oduber, who congratulated the bank on their attractive new facility and thanked them for their confidence in the Aruban economy. "The government of Aruba welcomes this initiative, which will play an important role with the community...It is of strategic importance in having this branch, where the main stakeholders in the tourism industry are located," he told them.

The sleek, elegant design of the building is complemented by a gallery of artwork by native and international artists, many of which are based on the Aruban environment and culture.

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# Grandeur and homage to island culture and prosperity mark the opening of Aruba Bank Hato

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Executive staff of Aruba Bank







Artist Ciro Abath

The highlight of the opening was the unveiling of a work commissioned by the bank from internationallyrenowned island artist Ciro Abath. Before revealing the piece, a film outlining its creation. depended which highly on the input of the staff of Aruba's National Archeology Museum headed by Raymundo Dijkoff, heightened the anticipation of those present.

Aruba Bank Managing Directors Arie Stam and Sharon Frankel joined Marcelline Richardson and the artist for the honor of unveiling the statue. The four-meter tall sculpture, which is distinctly inspired by the island nature and is sub-

island nature and is subtlety engraved with ancient Indian pictographs, welcomes visitors at the entrance.

Finally, Lt. Governor Tromp-Yazagary and Minister Oduber were invited to join Mr. Bastiaan Guis of Orca Group, Aruba Bank's parent financial entity, and his wife, in cutting the ribbon. A personal greeting by Branch Manager Susanne Croes and Assistant Branch Manager Dwight Didier pre-



Branch Manager Susanne Croes and Assistant Mgr Dwight Didjer

ceded a tour of the new facility.

The opening of the Aruba Bank Hato Branch precipitates the closing of their Noord and Paradera outlets, with clients encouraged to now bank in Hato. The large parking lot will be more convenient for patrons, as will the drive-thru ATM and night deposit. Among the great variety of services will be com-



Managing Director Marceline Richardson

prehensive cashier services, customer services, and loans. Aruba Bank is also introducing the first "self service safe locker" in Aruba at the new branch, "delivering ultimate security and the latest technology." Their Platinum Services office has also been moved from their Camacuri headquarters to Hato.

By Rosalie Klein



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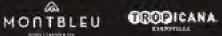
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With the installation of the so called AMI, or "Advanced Metering Infrastructure," they will create an extensive wireless measuring distribu-This will provide ELMAR with crucial data regarding the use and generation of electricity to be able to function more efficiently on their distribution network. This will also facilitate integration of the energy sources of sustainable energy on ELMAR's distribution network.

According to Robert Henriquez, ELMAR's director, their plan is to generate more sustainable energy and implement this in their electricity red with the long term goal



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> Dessert Ice Cream with cookie

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# CHOICE: C

Welcome Fruit Punch Appetizer Vegetable Spring Roll Crab Rangoon

Entrée

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> Dessert Ice Cream with cookie

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ECO DMS elects llaina Franco as an outstanding young leader

# She'll enjoy an all-expense paid trip to the SITE Conference in Orlando



Winner Ilaina Franco Franka together with Marriott's senior management, ECO and ACB management



Elsie Ramirez of ECO hands winner Ilaina Franco Franka of the Aruba Marriott the Young Professional Award

PALM BEACH - As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, Eco Destination Management Services of Aruba opted to again give back to the community by re-launching the Young Leader Incentive Program this year. The program was personally created by company President Wichita Villacres, to recognize young leaders who have shown outstanding service to the community, the industry and the professional position they currently hold, as well as ongoing excellence and involvement with the industry.

ECO Destination Management Services is a full-service

destination management company in the Dutch Caribbean. The company has been operating on the islands for over 25 years and its team enjoyed more than 100 years of combined professional experience, as well as unrivaled familiarity with the islands and its venues. Looking ahead to the future, ECO DMS created the Young Leader Incentive Program a number of years ago, in order to help groom young executives to be the future leaders in tourism.

After receiving several worthy nominations from among the young executives working for Aruba's tourism industry, ECO DMS chose Ilaina Franco Franka as the ultimate winner. Ilaina is the Director of Events and Banquets at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellans Casino, and she was nominated by Ramon Ventura, Assistant Director of Food & Beverage at her resort. Representatives of ECO DMS recently came together at the Aruba Marriott Resort &Stellaris Casino, to honor Ilaina as the winner of the Young Leader Incentive Program for 2013.

As the winner, Ilaina won the opportunity of a lifetime. She will be enjoying an all-expense paid trip to Orlando,



Jerusha Rasmijn of ACB with Iliana Franko

Florida, where she will attend the SITE Global Conference, courtesy of Eco Destination Management Services and the Aruba Tourism Authority.

The SITE Global Conference is the world's premier event for incentive travel and motivational events professionals. On an annual basis this event brings together professionals from over 40 countries who focus on creating excellence and establishing standards in the motivational experiences industry. The event in Orlando will be a milestone for SITE, as the organization is celebrating its 40th anniversary as a global association for the incentive travel and motivational events industry.

### Immigration, Sweat, Black oil and White Sand

By: Roland W. Peterson

It was in nineteen thirty four
When the immigrants set foot ashore
A long journey across the Caribbean Sea
On this island they wanted to be
No more cutting sugar cane
And looking for work in vane

With little in hand
They came to the Promised Land
They left everything behind
Now they are on this island of mine

Long days of hard work in the sun No time for having fun On this island in the sun

Then came the war that was fought and won
They all stayed on this island in the sun
They mixed their sweat with black oil and white
sand

Today see how wonderful we stand All on this island, the Promised Land

Then came the day
They had to go away
Back to their land
Now with some thing more in their hand
But troubled in their heart
Oh... how difficult it was to depart

Today as I travel the other islands
And visit unknown places
I recognize several familiar faces

After many embraces
We sat under the big Mango tree
Reminiscing and telling stories of how it used to

After many jokes, laughter and some tears It was time for me to go

As I sat in the iron bird
Heading back to my island in the sun
It suddenly dawned upon me
Did we ever tell them ...
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# Dutch kick off bicentennial festivities

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Thousands of people braved cold and rainy weather in The Hague on Saturday to kick off festivities marking the 200th anniversary of the founding of the modern Dutch state.

Actors staged a re-enactment of the November 30, 1813 arrival of Prince Willem Frederik -- later King Willem I, the ancestor of current King Willem-Alexander -- at a Hague beach, followed by pomp and ceremony at the official opening of the celebrations at a medieval hall near the Dutch parliament.

"Today, 200 years ago in 1813, the seed was sown for what would later become the Kingdom of the Netherlands " King Willem Alexan



Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima



The reenactment of the historic landing of Prince Willem Frederik, later King William I, takes place on the beach of Scheveningen

der said in a speech at the historic Knights' Hall, which stands cheek-byjowl to the Dutch parliament in The Hague.

"Happy birthday,"
Dutch Prime Minister
Mark Rutte added, saying
Saturday marked the official birth of the modern
Dutch constitutional
monarchy.

Prince Willem Frederik's 1813 landing at the beach at Scheveningen, today a popular seaside suburb, is widely seen as setting in motion the formation of the modern Dutch state.

The prince arrived there after 18 years in exile under French rule, which ended with Napoleon Bonaparte's defeat at the Battle of Leipzig a month before, in October 1813.

Napoleon's loss resulted in the destruction of much of what was left of French power in the Netherlands, Germany and Poland.

Prince Willem Frederik was crowned as King Willem I of the united Netherlands in 1815.

"Today we are celebrating what we've achieved over 200 years," Rutte said.

King Willem-Alexander, who took over from his mother, Princess Beatrix, in April this year and attended the ceremony with his wife, Queen Maxima, was presented a commemorative book. A classical orchestra then played a song composed for the occasion.

King Willem-Alexander remains the head of state, but the country is today ruled by decisions made by the Dutch parliament.

The bicentennial celebra-

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tions will continue on various dates over the next two years, ending in September 2015 in the Dutch capital Amsterdam, organisers said.

Since the constitutional changes of 2010, there are now four countries in the Kingdom (the Netherlands, Curação, Aruba and St Maarten) and three special municipalities of the Netherlands (Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba).

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# Scotland mourns pub helicopter crash victims

Emergency service work-

ers began attempts to winch

the police aircraft back

through the roof of The

Clutha, where it is feared fur-

ther corpses may be found

under its carcass, raising the

Eight fatalities have been

death toll.



Eight candles are lit during the service at Glasgow Cathedral

GLASGOW (AFP) - Candles were lit Sunday as Scotland remembered those who were killed when a police helicop-

ter plunged through the roof of a Glasgow pub, while rescuers toiled to salvage bodies from the wreckage.

#### Protesters call for Honduras vote recount

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) - More than 5,000 supporters of leftist Honduran presidential candidate Xiomara Castro protested Sunday demanding a recount of the ballots cast last week, in a vote her campaign alleges was "stolen."

Castro -- wife of former president Manuel Zelaya -- lost the vote by eight percentage points, according to official election results.

Conservative candidate Juan Orlando Hernandez was the winner with 36.8 percent of the vote.

But on Friday, Castro claimed that victory was "stolen" from her, and that she had "proof of the disgusting monstros-

Protesters marched downtown in the capital and gathered outside the office of the electoral tribunal, where election materials are stored.

Zelaya, said Castro's campaign would file papers Monday for "a review of all the records and all the polls."

board the helicopter and one man who was in the pub have been named. More than 100 people were watching a Glaswegian

confirmed so far. All three on

ska band in the popular live music bar on Friday night when the unexplained disaster struck.

In sombre scenes, eight candles were lit in Glasgow Cathedral during a packed memorial service which also paid tribute to the rescue effort and remembered those injured.

Reverend Laurence Whitley told the congregation. "We do not end this day in despair and losses.

"Our great and vibrant and irrepressible city shall stand together with our suffering ones and hand in hand go forward into the light."

Ambulance workers in uniform sat in the pews, along with Scotland's police chief Stephen House.

He later had to announce the deaths of the helicopter crew: captain David Traill, 51, the pilot, and police constables Kirsty Nelis, 36, and 43-year-old Tony Collins. Both officers had previously been commended for bravery:

"I'd like to pay tribute to all of them and the work that they did over the years, keeping people safe across Scotland," said House.

The chief constable said the work to extract the helicopter was "painstaking".

"Until the helicopter is completely removed from the scene and the right people are in the premises and are able to look through the rubble completely and start to clear it, we cannot say about exact numbers (of deaths)," he said.

At The Clutha, cranes could be seen working on the wreckage of the riverside bar in the middle of Scotland's biggest city. One rotor blade was lifted out of the debris.

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# Black boxes, 31 bodies recovered from Mozambique plane wreck



WINDHOEK (AFP) - Thirtyone bodies were recovered scattered with body parts. Sunday from the wreckage of a Mozambican Airlines plane that went down in torrential rain in Namibia, police said, while the aircraft's black boxes were also found.

"We only discovered 31 bodies from the scene. We don't know yet about other bodies," police major Ben Shikongo told AFP.

Friday's crash in Namibia's remote Bwabwata National Park killed all 33 on board, of half a dozen nationalities, in one of the worst accidents in Mozambique's civil aviation history.

The plane's black boxes were also recovered along with two voice recorders, Captain Ericksson Nengola, director of aircraft accident investigations at the Namibian transport nunistry, told AFP.

The victims' bodies were being transferred by helicopter to the Namibian capital Windhock from the crash site some 1,000 kilometres (60 miles) to the northeast.

An aviation officer who declined to be named described

the crash scene as "gruesome",

Families were to be asked to identify the bodies at the police mortuary in Windhoek, once the police have carried out DNA testing, Shikongo said.

The plane, which went down en route from Mozambique to Angola, was a Brazilmanufactured Embraer 190 aircraft and the newest plane in the airline's fleet.

There were no survivors among its six crew and 27 passengers.

Mozambique was to declare a national period of mourning for the victims, who came from Mozambique, Angola, Portugal, France, Brazil and



### 11,000 Sudanese workers returned from Saudi Arabia: media

KHARTOUM (AFP) - More than 11,000 Sudanese workers have returned voluntarily from Saudi Arabia after an amnesty for foreign employees to legalise their status, official media said on weekend.

Saudi Arabia's Interior Minister Prince Mohammed bin Nayef said on November 19 that the kingdom had deported more than 60,000 illegal foreign workers since the amnesty ended and that more

would follow:

Nearly a million migrants from various countries took advantage of the annesty to leave voluntarily.

Another four million were able to find employers to spon-

sor them, a legal requirement in Saudi Arabia as in several other Gulf states.

Sudanese figures show that Saudi Arabia is the largest recipient of a mounting number of migrants from the country.



# Suu Kyi urges 'freedom from fear' | Norwegian army goes on on World AIDS Day

SYDNEY (AFP) - Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyı called on World AIDS Day Sunday for an end to discrimination against those living with the disease as experts warned against complacency in fighting the global scourge.

Speaking as the UNAIDS global advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS, Suu Kyi drew parallels between the plight of sufferers and her own struggle for democracy.

"The fight against discrimination is an extension of our fight for freedom from fear," said the Myanmar opposition leader and democracy icon.

"My simple message as the global ambassador for zero discrimination is it all starts in the mind and in the heart. There must be less calculation and more warmth, more love, more affection, more compas-

Suu Kyi was speaking in Melboume at the launch of AIDS 2014, a major global health. conference to be held in the city in July with 14,000 delegates from almost 200 countries.

Together with UN-AIDS director Michael Sidibe she unveiled a campaign targeting HIV-related prejudice, with the world's first Zero Discrimination. Day to be held on March 1.

Sidibe said scientific breakthroughs and visionary leadership meant there was now an end in sight to "an epidemic that has wrought such staggering devastation around the world".



stigma, denial and complacency are still among us, putting us in danger of failing the next generation," he said.

In its annual report on the state of the global pandemic released in September, UN-AIDS said new HIV infections had plummeted by a third overall since 2001 and more than halved among children.

Twenty-five countries --many in sub-Saharan Africa -reported a 50-percent reduction in new infections last year due to increased availability of anti-retroviral drug treatment.

Last year 1.6 million people died from AIDS-related causes, down from 2.3 million in 2005, according to the United Nations.

In Rome, Pope Francis issued a World AIDS Day appeal for universal access to treatment.

"We reach out to the people who are suffering, especially to children," the pope said after the weekly Angelus prayers.

Worldwide, 35.3 million people were living with HIV in 2012, 70 percent of them in sub-Saharan Africa.

# vegetarian diet



OSLO (AFP) - The Norwegian military said it plans to put its troops on a vegetarian diet once a week in a bid to fight a new kind of enemy -- climate change.

The army said its new meatless Mondays are meant to cut its consumption of ecologically unfriendly foods whose production contributes heavily to global warming.

The diet has already been introduced at one of Norway's main bases and will soon be rolled out to all units, including those serving overseas, said the army, estimating it would cut its meat consumption by 150 tonnes per year.

"It's not about saving money," said Kvarving. "It's about being more concerned for our climate, more ecologically friendly and also healthier."

A Norwegian environmental group that campaigns for meatless Mondays nationwide, The Future in Our Hands, welcomed the army announce-

"The defence ministry deserves a lot of praise because it's taking climate and environmental issues seriously," said the group's director, Arild Hermstad.

According to the organisation, the average Norwegian eats more than 1,200 animals over the course of their life, including 1,147 chickens, 22 sheep, six cattle and 2.6 deer.

Livestock farming accounts for 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation.

# Breast Cancer Linked to High-cholesterol Diets

A by-product of cholesterol can fuel the deadly growth and spread of breast cancer, according to a group of scientists. It raises the prospect that taking cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins could prevent cancer. The work, published in the journal Science, helps explain why obesity is a major risk factor for the disease. However, cancer charities cau-



tioned that it was too soon to advise women to take statins. Obesity has been linked with many cancers including those of the breast, bowel and womb. The fat in overweight people can pump out hormones, such as oestrogen, which drive the growth of cancers. Cholesterol is broken down by the body into 27HC, which can mimic oestrogen and produce the same effect as the hormone in some tissues. Experiments on mice showed that a high fat diet increased levels of 27HC in the blood and led to tumours that were 30% larger than in mice on a normal diet. Tumours were also more likely to spread.





LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Fans and fellow actors mourned Sunday the death of Paul Walker, best known as undercover agent Brian O'Connor in the "Fast and Furious" action movies, in an fiery car crash in California. Walker, 40, appeared in all but one of the six movies in the popular franchise, and was a leading protagonist along with Vin Diesel and Michelle Rodriguez. Walker was killed when the red Porsche sports car he was traveling in slammed into a tree and caught fire around 3:30 pm (2330 GMT) on Saturday in the town of Santa Clarita, in Los Angeles county, local media reported. Witnesses recognized Walker and one onlooker even tried to pull him from the wreckage, the local Santa Clarita Valley Signal newspaper reported. Walker was taking a Thanksgiving break from filming the seventh "Fast and Furious" movie, which had been scheduled for release in July. Walker had been at an event to raise money for victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines for Reach Out Worldwide, a non-profit disaster relief group the actor founded. The late actor is survived by his 15-year-old daughter Meadow.



### Acqua Condominium Aruba announces that construction has been progressing at a brisk pace.

The East Tower, overlooking Palm Beach boasts 208 condos, spread over 14 floors. The two top building floors embrace 16 penthouse apartments with majestic views. The building is simply awaiting the windows and a few finishing touches, to conclude construction, very possibly by the end of this year. Following the completion of the elegant club house, the tropical landscaped pool and the spacious parking lots, the condos will be delivered to their proud new owners. Ground has been cleared for the North Tower, which will follow as soon as the East Tower is completed.

A spokesperson for Acqua Condo Aruba reports that the project is receiving tremendous attention, particularly for the winter months. Snow-birds longing to reside in a vacation home on Aruba are now able to visualize this dream coming true, in a manner that leaves them utterly care free when not in residence.

Making the decision to purchase and acting on it quickly, was recently made even more imperative. In November of 2010, the island government of Aruba reiterated its commitment to a building moratorium for the next 10 years, making



Acqua Condominium a truly unique investment opportunity, as it is the one and only highrise condo project, on property land, in the island's most-desired location.

In view of the moratorium news, and the project's lucrative position, developers were compelled to discontinue the pre-construction discounts... Nevertheless, other purchase incentives have introduced. Special discount offers in effect at present are:

Pay 30% down payment and get 10% discount, 50% down payment, get 15% discount, pay in full for a 25% discount. Prices start at \$ 296.800 for a 2-bedroom/2 bathroom apartment. Paying cash will allow the buyer to obtain this very same unit for only \$ 222,600 -





remarkable savings!

Other incentives include the possibility of a time-share trade in. Ownership in any of a number of time-share projects may be factored in as a bargaining chip, with certain restrictions. The opportunity to profit from your purchase is also available to buyers when

they place their unit in a rental pool, with a guaranteed 6months income for the first

If the image of Aqua Condominium tugs at your heartstrings, you are invited to visit the sales gallery and the two elegant model-suites available for viewing, fully finished with

luxurious touches and highend amenities.

The sales center is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. nonstop, and Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You are invited to meet the sales team who will guide you through the purchase of the stylish condo of your dreams, allowing you to return to Aruba as often as you wish.

You will find the website very helpful.

Take a virtual tour and garner info regarding all legal do-cuments, floor plans, furnishings and finishing at: www.acquaruba.com

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### China launches first moon rover mission

BEIJING (AFP) - China launched its first moon rover mission early Monday, state TV showed, the latest step in an ambitious space programme seen as a symbol of its rising global stature.

The Chang'e-3 rocket carrying the Jade Rabbit rover blasted off around 1:30 am (Sunday 1730 GMT), the CCTV official broadcaster showed in live footage from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in the country's southwest.

As it shot into the dark sky, mission observers could be heard reporting at regular intervals that things were proceeding "normally".

Within an hour the director of the launch centre Zhang Zhenzhong appeared before staff and declared the mission a "success", CCTV showed.

The probe is due to land on the moon in mid-December to



explore its surface and look for natural resources. It is the world's third lunar rover mission following the United States and former Soviet Union decades earlier.

Chief probe designer Sun Zezhou hailed the mission as having "great scientific and economic significance", according to the Xinhua state news agency.

China sees its space pro-

gramme as a symbol of its growing international status and technological advancement, as well as of the Communist Party's success in reversing the fortunes of the once impoverished nation.

It aims to establish a permanent space station by 2020 and eventually send someone to the moon.

Since 2003 it has sent 10 astronauts into space and launched an orbiting space module, Tiangong-1. It also sent probes to orbit the moon in 2007 and 2010.

The first of those intentionally crashed into the moon's surface at the end of its mission.

Data it collected was used to create in 2008 what Xinhua called "the most complete lunar hologram to date".

The second probe was sent to "verify key technology", orbit the moon and take pictures of the landing site in preparation for Chang'e-3, Xinhua said.

After completing that task it was sent into deep space to monitor an astroid.

# Online sales soar in Black Friday two-day shopping frenzy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Online US shopping for Black. Friday deals soared to \$3 billion during a two-day period beginning Thursday, with tablets and cell phones as top must-have items, estimates showed Saturday.

Online purchases reached \$1.93 billion on Friday itself, the unofficial start of the retail sector's holiday season.

That marked a 39 percent increase over 2012, according to software maker Adobe, which analyzed 400 million visits on some 2,000 American shopping websites.

Holiday shopping traditionally accounts for 20 to 40 percent of an individual retailer's annual sales, according to the National Retail Federation.

Early online Black Friday sales, which began on Thursday, the US Thanksgiving holiday, reached \$1.06 billion, up 18 percent from last year, according to Adobe.

Online shoppers may have been wise to avoid stores, with reports of fistfights, a stabbing and a shooting as people elbowed their way through crowded shopping floors to snatch heavily discounted items.

Purchases of smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices accounted for 24.2 percent of online sales, according to Adobe.

Tablets represented 15.6 percent of online sales while smartphones representing 8.6 percent.

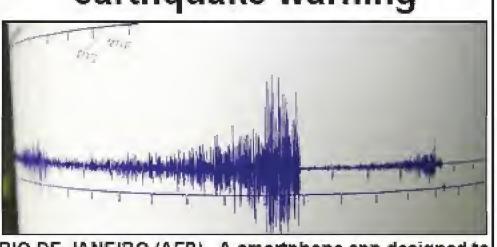
IBM also found that mobile devices accounted for 21.8 percent of sales.

According to Adobe, of the \$3 billion in total online sales over the two days, \$417 million was done on iPads and \$126 million was done on iPhones, while Android phones were used to buy \$106 million in purchases and Android tablets accounted for \$42 million.

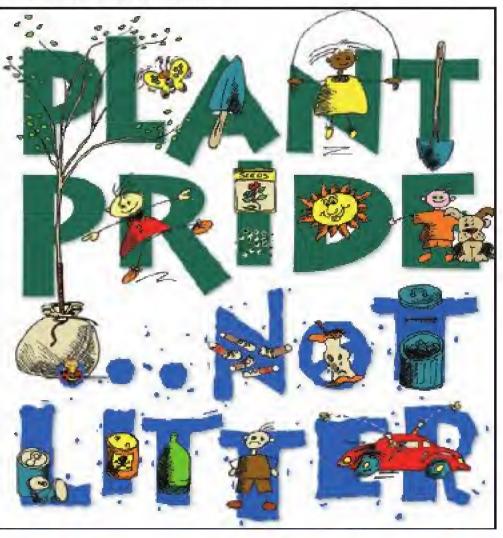
Adobe agreed that Apple users spent more than people using Android devices.

This season's holiday shopping season is a full six days and one shopping weekend shorter than last year's due to the late Thanksgiving season.

# Smartphone app to give earthquake warning



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A smartphone app designed to give early warning of earthquakes could be ready as early as next year, according to scientists at the World Science Forum in Rio de Janeiro. Researchers from the University of California showed off the project this week at a conference on how to use technology to ward off natural disasters. The app is based on technology used in an early warning system prepared by a team under Professor Richard Allen, director of the UC Berkeley Seismological Laboratory. The smartphone app is capable of providing an alert between a few seconds and one minute before a tremor hits, depending on where an individual using it is in relation to the epicenter.





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### iceland pushes ahead with controversial debt relief plan

REYKJAVIK (AFP) - The Icelandic government said Saturday it would write up to 24,000 euros off the mortgage of every household, making good on an election campaign promise despite international warnings over the plan.

The cost of the measure is estimated to reach 150 billion krona (900 million euros, \$1.2 billion) over four years, the government said in a statement, without giving details on how it would be financed.

The Progressive Party -- led by Prime Minister Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson, winner of late-April elections -- had won voters over with its campaign promise to offer household debt relief.

Gunnlaugsson has said since taking office that the scheme would not hurt public finances, and had initially suggested that foreign creditors of Icelandic banks would bear the write-

But there have since been no details on the financing plan for the scheme.

The debt relief promise has been met with scepticism elsewhere, with both the International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development warning against it.

The IMF had said that Iceland has "little fiscal space for additional household debt relief", while the OECD had called for the mortgage relief efforts to target only low-income households.

Standard & Poor's had also slashed the outlook for Ice-

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land's long-term credit rating to negative from stable, saying the plan could damage foreign investors' confidence if it is to be funded by existing creditors of Iceland's banks.

Many Icelandic households are struggling to repay housing loans indexed to inflation that seemed safe prior to the 2008 financial crisis but has caused borrowing costs to skyrocket following the krona's collapse against other currencies.

# Philippines' post-typhoon rebuilding to take five years

MANILA (AFP) - Rebuilding areas devastated by a super typhoon that killed thousands in the Philippines will take up to five years and cost more than two billion dollars, officials said Saturday.

to rise.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said 5,632 people had been confirmed dead while 1,759 were still missing following the category five storm earlier this month.

He told reporters that President Benigno Aquino did not want to merely repair the damage but wants the new structures to be better than those that were standing before the storm.

The comments came as the death toll from Haiyan, one of the most powerful typhoons to ever hit the country, continued

Public Works Secretary Rogelio Singson said: "We are

### **Brazil finance official** resigns in bribery scandal

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega's chief of staff Marcel Fiche has resigned, his office has announced following accusations he received bribes from a contractor.

The magazine Epoca reported two weeks ago that Fiche and his technical advisor Humberto Alencar, who also has quit, allegedly received 60,000 rears (\$25,685) in kickbacks from a communications company in return for an inflated contract with the Finance Ministry.

Mantega immediately asked the Justice Ministry and the federal police to investigate the allegations.

The two officials had been put on leave after the scandal broke. Alencar who was responsible for overseeing the contract was reported to have approved extra hours and ghost employees to justify the amount paid by the ministry.

A number of Brazilian ministers have been forced to leave their posts amid accusations of corruption since President Dilma Rousseff assumed office in 2011.

In one recent case, a member of parliament was jailed, along with several senior officials of the ruling Workers Party, after being found guilty of taking part in a vast votebuying scheme in the Congress during administration of former president Luiz Inacio Lula da

#### Honduran leftist candidate cries fraud, calls for demos a Hernandez administration if

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) -Claiming there was a "monstrous fraud, \* leftist candidate Xiomara Castro late Friday rejected the results of Honduras's presidential election and called for mass protests in the crimestricken Central American country.

Castro fears that she will be kept from office because of her politics just like her husband, former president Manuel Zelaya, deposed at gunpoint in June 2009 after he aligned with the leftist governments of Cuba and Venezuela.

Castro said that she would not recognize the legitimacy of her rival takes office.

She spoke just moments after her leftist Libre party called a peaceful mass protest for Sunday.

Castro was vying to become the Central American country's first women president.

Top election official David Matamoros told local media that the data "shows that the winner of the general elections is Juan Orlando Hernandez."

Renowned Spanish judge Baltasar Garzon, who witnessed the voting, said there was in fact electoral fraud using various means and methods.

looking at over a hundred billion pesos (\$2.2 billion) of reconstruction, from livelihood, commerce, social services," as well as infrastructure and power facilities.

That figure does not include the huge amounts already spent on immediate relief for the millions of people who were injured or left without food, water or shelter.

About 15 to 20 billion pesos will go to providing shelter with some 60,000 to 80,000 families to be re-settled in two to three years, said Singson.

This will include the people whose homes were destroyed by the storm as well as those who will have to move out of a recently-declared 40-metre (131-foot) "no-build zone" from the coastline, Singson added.

The zone is intended to prevent a repetition of the large number of deaths that occurred after Haiyan brought massive storm surges that flattened seaside communities.

Earlier this week, Economic Planning Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said Haiyan would cut 0.3-0.8 percentage points from gross domestic product growth in the final quarter of 2013.

The United Nations made an initial humanitarian appeal for \$301 million in aid for the typhoon victims just days after Haiyan hit. The UN will make another appeal for more funds in December.

A spokeswoman for the local UN office, Orla Fagan, told a news conference on Friday that donors had forked out \$164 million so far.

### **Dutch Labour market** reforms will generate 20,000 jobs, says think-tank

THE HAGUE - The government's macro-economic thinktank CPB expects planned reforms to the labour market to generate an extra 20,000 jobs, website nu.nl said on Friday.

The government's senior advisory body, the Council of State, is highly critical of the draft legislation which was sent to parliament on Friday, nunl said.

The legislation covers reducing entitlement to jobless benefit (ww), making it easier for companies to sack staff, and giving more rights to workers on flexible contracts.

The www reforms include slashing the period of entitlement from a maximum three to a maximum two years. The unemployed will also have to ac-

cept a job beneath their current level after six months.

However, the CPB said the effect of the changes on boosting unemployment would be stiffled if unions and employers make agreements about a voluntary extension to three years in sector-wide pay and conditions deals.

The Council of State has also warned that the proposal to force employers to give permanent contracts to people who have already had two shortterm contracts will be counterproductive.

The reforms also place a €75,000 ceiling on golden handshakes.

The government hopes the entire package will cut treasury spending by €1.1bn.

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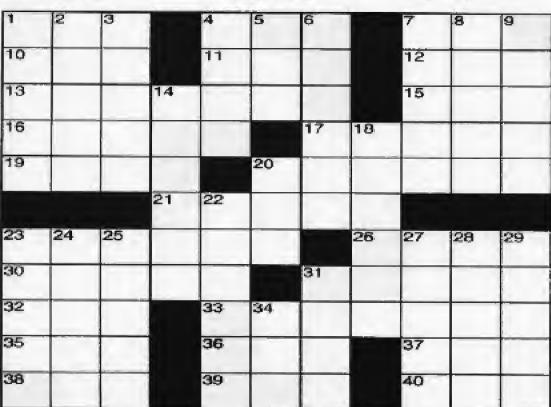
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### Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our



concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, any and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality conand finishing struction available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the decor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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# Pacquiao hands money, Bibles to Philippine typhoon victims

GUIUAN (AFP) - Philippine boxing hero Manny Pacquiao handed out Bibles, tinned food and cash Sunday to lift people's spirits in areas devastated by Super Typhoon Haiyan.

The former eight-title world champion toured the central island of Samar with his own aid caravan after spending the night Saturday in a tent city in the town of Guiuan, the first town to be struck by the typhoon, an AFP reporter with the convoy saw.

Pacquiao attended a prayer meeting in Guiuan early Sunday with survivors, and later handed out Bibles and food packages containing nee, noodles and tinned meat.

"Let us find hope in God's Grace to help us get back on our feet and recover from the devastation," he said.

In two instances during the drive around the devastated areas of Samar, Pacquiao had the convoy stop at coastal communities where homes had



been torn to pieces by the typhoon's winds of up to 315 kph (195 mph) and tsunamilike storm surges.

He handed out 1,000-peso (\$23) bills each time to families who are now living in makeshift shelters.

Haiyan left nearly 7,400 people dead or missing, with more than four million others displaced, according to an of-

ficial tally.

Pacquiao, who is also a second-term member of the House of Representatives with ambitions to run for president someday, is scheduled to lead the aid caravan to neighbouring Leyte island on Sunday night.

He lifted the country's spirits a week ago with a comeback victory over American boxer Brandon Rios in Macau, following three straight defeats that had raised speculation the 34-year-old's boxing career was over.

Pacquiao, the only man to win world boxing titles in eight different weight divisions, made the trip despite complaining on Tuesday that the government's Bureau of Internal Revenue had frozen all his bank accounts, forcing him to borrow money to buy relief goods.

The bureau is threatening Pacquiao with a \$50 million bill for unpaid taxes in 2008 and 2009, saying it may otherwise seize his assets.

The boxer says he paid the appropriate taxes in the United States, where the money was earned.

Pacquiao, a former street kid, was listed last year by Forbes magazine as the 14th highest-paid athlete globally, with an estimated \$34 million in earnings.



# Football: Messi-less Barcelona beaten again in Bilbao

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona slipped to a second consecutive defeat for the first time since April 2012 as they lost for the first time in the league this season 1-0 away to Athletic Bilbao on Sunday

Barcelona had suffered their first defeat under coach Gerardo Martino against Ajax in midweek and Athletic appeared to learn from the Dutch champions' approach as, without the injured Lionel Messi, Barca struggled to impose themselves on the game.

Iker Muniain slotted home the only goal of the game from Markel Susaeta's cross 20 minutes from time as a third straight win moved the Basques into fourth.

The Catalans remain top of La Liga on goal difference only from Atletico Madrid with Real Madrid now just three points behind the leaders.

And the champions were left to complain about referee Juan Martinez Manuera's decision to only show Ander Iturraspe a yellow card when he pulled back Neymar as the Brazilian bore down on goal with the score still at 0-0.

"They are a god team and it is difficult when we have chances and don't take them," said midfielder Sergio Busquets.

On top of Messi's absence, Barca were also missing Victor Valdes and Dani Alves and Busquets insisted they have to concentrate on not losing any



more ground in the two league games that remain before the winter break with Messi and Valdes due back in January.

Neymar had Barcelona's best effort of the first-half with a curling effort that was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Gorka Iraizoz.

However, it was the hosts that had the better of the chances before the break as Muniain fluffed his lines after Andoni Iraola's cross was deflected perfectly into his path before Gorka Toquero headed wide when unmarked from Muniain's cross.

Martino's men improved after the break as Athletic's pressing wavered slightly and Neymar should have given them the lead when he raced onto Cesc Fabregas's fine through ball but slipped as he shot and the ball sailed well over.

Barca were then left infuriated at Manuera for not sending-off Iturraspe when he pulled back Neymar as the Brazilian was played in on goal.

Neymar pulled himself up to take the resulting free-kick which curled inches wide of Iraizoz's right-hand post.

However, it was Athletic who finally made the break-through when Ander Herrera robbed the ball deep inside Barca territory and fed Susaeta, whose cross from the right was turned home by Muniain for his third goal of the season.

Toquero then passed up a great chance to make it 2-0 as he headed straight at Jose Manuel Pinto from Muniain's inch-perfect cross.

Martino surprisingly withdrew Xavi and Andres Iniesta for Sergi Roberto and Pedro Rodriguez respectively in his search for an equaliser.

But Athletic saw the game out comfortably to register their first win over Barcelona since 2006.

### Germany will win World Cup: Brazil psychic

SAO PAULO (AFP) -Brazilian psychic diva Marcia Fernandes on Sunday forecast that Germany will win the World Cup in Brazil next year.

Meanwhile prominent Brazilian astrologist Serena Salgado said that host Brazil had a good chance of winning the tournament.

Two other top psychics, Marcia Pugliesi and Daniel Atalla, said they were not in a position to call a winner for the high-profile tournament, which will be held from next June 12 to July 13.

Fernandes, a medium who hosts a wildly popular radio show, also said that 2014 would be a "very good year" for business, "a marvellous year, a year of love, a year of marriage".



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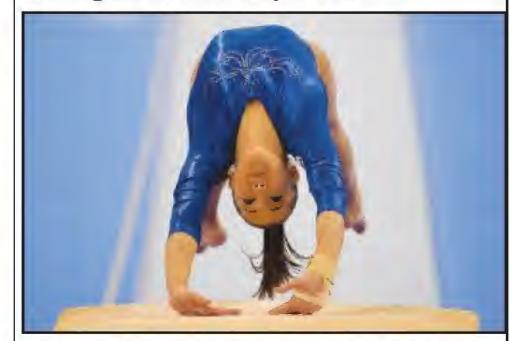
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#### Stuttgart World Cup 2013



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Ukraine's Oleg Wernjajew competes at rings on December 1, 2013 during the Gymnastics World Cup in Stuttgart.

The 2013 Stuttgart World Cup, also known as the EnBW Turn-WeltCup, held from November 29 to December 1 in Stuttgart, Germany. The Stuttgart World Cup differed from the others, as it involved a team competition separate from the all-around. All three competitions (team qualifications, individual all-around, and team final) were each held on one day.

# Alpine skiing:



BEAVER CREEK (AFP) - Jessica Lindell-Vikarby won the women's alpine World Cup giant statom at Beaver Creek on Sunday, the second World Cup race win of the Swede's career. With her only previous World Cup win four years behind her, the 29-year-old admitted that the butterflies built up as she prepared to defend her first-leg lead in the decisive second run. But she stormed home to edge US starlet Mikaela Shiffrin with a total time of 2min 17.92sec. Shiffrin, treated to a hero's welcome by fans after she briefly moved into the top spot, settled for the second step of the podium just 0.09sec back. Liechtenstein's Tina Weirather was third, 0.56sec adrift. Lindell-Vikarby's only prior World Cup win was a super-G triumph at Cortina-d'Ampezzo, Italy, in January of 2009.

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School Basico Washington was the school to classify in first place while Maria Gorreti came in second.

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half of the game School Basico Washington had a lead of 1 to 0 against Cacique Macuarima. However, in the second half School Basico Washington scored 4 goals to secure a victory of 5-0 in the

final score.

The final champion game was played between School Basico Washington and School Primario Kudawecha. School Primario Kudawecha used every opportunity to



Semi Final S.P Washington/Cacique Macuarima



Great match of Maria Gorreti and Kudawecha

stay in the lead and scored two goals. After the half time School Primario Kudawecha scored still more goals and ended up 3-0.

Hence, the game ended with School Primario Kudawedcha with a score of 3-0 and the title of

Champion in football category B. These games were organized by IBiSA.

School Basico Washington is obviously the sub champion.

Hearty congratulations to the winner, School Primario Kudawecha, keep up the good work!

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# Boxing: Stevenson stops Bellew to retain WBC title

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QUEBEC CITY (AFP) -Canadian southpaw Adoms Stevenson retained his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight world title Saturday with a sixth-round technical knockout of Britain's Tony Bellew.

Stevenson dropped Bellew in the sixth with a heavy left to the jaw. Bellew beat the count, but Stevenson landed another left that sent the challenger staggering into a corner. The champion was unloading again on the defenseless Bellew when referee Michael Griffin called a halt at 1:50 of the round.

Haitian-born Stevenson improved to 23-1 with 20 knockouts. He was plainly pleased to have made his point against Bellew after an ill-tempered build-up to the bout.

"He said I'm a dwarf, and the dwarf knocked him out," Stevenson said.

Bellew, who turned 31 on Saturday, fell to 20-2 with one draw and 12 knockouts. His only other defeat came in his only prior world title fight, a majority decision loss to



Welshman Nathan Cleverly two years ago.

Stevenson, 36, posted his fourth knockout in four fights this year. That included a one-punch first-round knockout of Chad Dawson in June to take the WBC belt.

In September he made his first title defense with a seventhround stoppage of American Tavoris Cloud.

Bellew, from Liverpool, boxed smartly in the early rounds, and drew blood from Stevenson's nose early in the third.

The champion responded with several hard lefts, two of which snapped the challenger's head back.

A wild exchange in the fourth round saw Stevenson go down, but it was ruled a slip after the fighters' feet tangled.

Urged by his corner to vary his attack, Stevenson complied in the sixth, tapping Bellew with a right to the ribs to perfectly set up the left that sent him down.

Stevenson said.

Stevenson said he thought his Canadian fans next went to see him fight Carl Froch or ageless American Bernard Hopkins, the 48-year-old International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight champion.

# Aruba Athletic Bond in training with Coach Ellsworth Manuel

December 9th to 14th, the Aruba Athletic Bond will be in training with International Coach Ellsworth Manuel. Manuel hails from Holland and is a distinguished trainer in Rotterdam in the 100m. 200m and 400m dashes. Coach Ellsworth Manuel was an athlete who won Bronze in the Central American and Caribbean games in 1995 with a 7.80m dash. All athletes that dominate the disciplines mentioned are cordially invited to participate in the training. The training will be held in the G.P. Trinidad Stadium in Dakota.

